

27. (Currently Amended) An implantable prosthesis for the repair of muscle wall defects, the prosthesis comprising a flexible plug of a surgically compatible mesh material, the plug having an elongate form and comprising an external mesh material wall;

wherein:

the external mesh material wall has three outwardly projecting longitudinal ridges or bulges which provide the plug overall with a closed generally triangular cross-sectional shape; and

the plug further comprises an internal support extending into contact with respective interiors of at least outermost portions of the outwardly projecting longitudinal ridges or bulges, the internal support extending along the interior of the external mesh material wall between at least two apices of the generally triangular cross-sectional shape and being sufficiently rigid to maintain the size and shape of the external mesh material wall.